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This communication is in response to the Examiner's Report mailed January 3, 2001, which has been made FINAL. Applicant is concurrently petitioning for reconsideration of the Decision on Petition to Revive mailed September 3, 2002. The filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 is considered by Applicant to be a proper response to the final Office Action in accordance with MPEP 711.03(d)(C).

AMENDMENT

Please delete Claims 15 – 21, 23, 25, 27 and 28. Claims 22, 24 and 26 continue to be withdrawn from consideration in accordance with Applicant's election in Paper No. 11.